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Doetry.

Dear little hands, I loved them so! And now they are lying under the snow-Under the snow, so cold and white, I cannot see them or touch them to-night. They are quiet and still at last, ah me! How busy and restless they used to be! But now they can never reach up through the

Dear little hands, I loved thom sol be ir little hands, I miss them sol All through the day, wherever I go-All through the night, how lonely it seems, For no little hands wake me out of my dreams I miss them all through the weary hours, I miss them as others miss sunshine and flow

Day time or night time, wherever I go, Dear little hands, I miss them so!

Dear little hands, they have gone from Never again will they rest on my brow-Never again smooth my sorrowful face,

Never clasp me in a childish embrace. And now my forehead grows wrinkled with Thinking of litle hands, once resting there.

But I know in a happier, heavenlier clime, Dear little hands, I will clasp you some time. Dear little hands, when the Master shall call, I'll welcome the summons that comes to us

When my feet touch the waters so dark and so And I catch my first glimpee of the City of

If I keep my eyes fixed on the heavenly gate, Over the tide where the white robed ones wait, Shall I know you, I whnder, among the bright Will you becken me over, oh! dear little hands?

Select Storn.

THE WIFE'S SECRET.

"How on earth could we love her? She had caused such bitter disappoint- songs.

fascinated our fastidious brother to the ry enough.

extent of marrying her." of his sisters-two of us-one widowed lest nothing to wish for.

loved him and administered to his com- it. fort all their lives. Yet I think we should choice had been to our own taste.

Why it had not been so was just a doctor who was rapidly rising in his promyetery. E lith Falconer, whom we had set our hearts on seeing Mis. Gerald

Charming, and his especial friend, a young to thought out him.

She never left him for a moment, and est smile like his mother

They christened him Raymond, after awake of nights thinking about it, better head against his pillow, when the steel of the second Fane, was a daughter of the gods-tall rest. Fane, was a daughter of the goos—tan rest.

Before Gerald's marriage Dr Percival had divinely fair—and it puzzled us to Before Gerald's marriage Dr Percival to us, the doctor said he would live but to have traveled toward a daughter of a but since E ith had seemed more favor-French Canadian, when our letters were ably inclined toward him.

Edith was with us when the letter came bidding us welcome his wife legibly written in ber beautiful blue eyes.

Not that Edith was really in love with bim, but she had always felt an enormous Also for Tornadoes, Cyclones, Hurricanes interest in the brother of her dearest friends and Wind Storms. friends-sn interest which we had fully thought would ripen into love.

"I shall bring her to you, my poor lit-England. in the wide world now if it was not for me! We were married beside the death-Applications also taken for various other bed of her father, and she was scarcely a but with her husband. Applications also taken for various other bed of ner lattice, and wife before she was wholly an orphan.

Companies, all of which are the most relia. wife before she was wholly an orphan. I consoled myself with believing that if—oh! if i

loss of mother and sister, who were childish fashion: drowned on their way out to Americawhile I shall fill the place of all othersfather, brother, husband "

As we read this we telt convinced how was that Gerald had married her. It was from sheer pity. We fully decided this point and it did not make us feel more pleasantly on the subject, for we were sure that poor Gerald had been vic-

We went about our preparations however for their coming, furnished the rooms and shall never forget the expression of insure comfort to the bride, but it must be confessed our hearts were not in our

On the evening they were expected we ad no one at the house, thinking See- bad a very formidable rival " phanie would prefer having it so. That is, we only had Edith Falconer,

but then she was just one of ourselves. Gerald looked bandsomer than ever as be sprang out of the carriage and rushed up the steps and with a radiant face kiss-

Then he ran down again and lifted on tiny figure which he hore in his arms as if it had been a child and placing it before us said : "Here's my darling; the sweetest little

darling that ever trod the earth " He went then to attend to the lugge and she made a sort of movement as it same. to rush after him, but stopped abruptly. Then, with quivering lips, she lifted her glance toward us with a belpless, wistful look; but presently a softer light crept

and she clasped our fiands and bent and kissed them After this we took her into the drawher affectionately.

have been handling it so extensively this Fane," she whispered in a low, frighten her and my brother's wife.

could not help saying. "Not a fright, surely!" Elith answered ed.

quickly; "we see her in an uniavorable moment. Her grief has told on her tace, but she has glorious eyes and I can see what took Gerald. It is her winning manner, just like a petied child's"

I glanced at E lith admiringly think
I glanced at E lith a ing what an angel of forgiveness she glance told that and more.

aring her with Edith. her cheeks, and with a graceful, willowy worshiped with all his soul.

figure. And Ste-to call her by the cu"Yes," he said languidly, "send for not tell you; I was so fearful of a fail-

and sat down by me.

"Ellen, you must not form an opinion earnestly. "She's not berself; naturally the building. thase away her troubles and bring back bim say, in rather a low voice smiles," he went on enthusiastically.

momentary pause be said : "Etith is more beautiful than ever, I "Ab, I thought, "he could not help

had linked himself to for life" It was not long before Ste was more could often hear her caroling soatches of several weeks.

They were mostly F. sch ones-some "And how could Gerald care for a pale. with a wonderful pathos ringing through main in her room with her door locked one else in the world, when I had Ger- was the change in her appearance. In strange looking little witch, with her them; and her pronunciation of her queer name after her French mother? mother tongue was the prettiest thing For witch of course she must be to have imaginable. Yes, she was growing mer-

of age, tail and handsome and the idol husband so entirely, as he said, that he my brother unhappy perhaps be would weaves them into romances that win her side of the lower jaw than usual, and as

fort all their lives. Yet I think we should have been moderately content if his men friends too They thought her ery and want of faith, seemed to have charming, and his especial friend, a young no thought but him.

cival's voices blended splendidly togeth- to him. But when they said he was not practice-in these duets.

I was very wicked, I know. I really

believed Ste to be artful and designing; was assumed; I saw how happy she was and look up into his face, her great, the General's room, and in the course of ber childlike, blithe manner I fancied tle Stephanie. She would be quite slone was assumed; I saw how happy she was wild, dark eyes full of glittering tears, conversation about a bill in the House, has a chance of living until he is fortysociety, and it made me dislike her ten while she said with quivering lips:

promised her so much love from you lover as she had bewitched my brother, both that she will not. I know, feel the and listened when she said in her pretty,

come; it's getting quite less and they're not here yet. And I miss no. Isn't Dr. Percival handsome and accomplish. ed, Gerald ?"

I don't think a doubt of her ever entered into his mind antil I put it there. I began with a look or a little word opportunely dropped. Then I rushed into the thing suddenly

"Mark Percival admires Ste very much, Geraid. How well their voices suit! I think if he had chanced to meet her before her marriage you would have He did not answer but he grew death-

ly white and, biting his lips, turned There was an excuse for me for I lov-

ed my brother with all my heart, and I was ealous of him "Hasn't Ste a wonderfully powerful voice for such a little creature?" "That is a lovely thing she is singing now. It is Beethoven's 'Adelaide,' isn't

it?" he answered quietly. "Yes, her favorite song, or rather Mark Percival's, which is about the ,

He looked at me sternly for the first time in his life and then said : "You have never really loved any one. Ellen. But be careful that you don't into her great, dark, wild-looking eyes, p ant thorns that may prick you more than any one else."

His words were prophetic. ing room and introduced her to Edith, ness no one knows. Yet at this time I long, bright days, wrapped in splendid and I saw her queer, dark little face bated Ste for being the cause of the first corements of rainbow hues. And Gernd I saw her queer, dark little face righten up strangely as Edith greeted er affectionately.

The Church Standard says: Let partial representation of the standard says and constant re brighten up strangely as Edith greeted rebuke that Gerald had given me, and in aid grew no better. The truth was that

My sister carried her off at once and as well as by day-worked to keep him-of course Gerald followed. He did not self from thinking.

seem to take his eyes off her for a mo- And so some months went by He was looking miserable at last, and Ste.
"What a queer little fright she is—she declaring he was really ill, begged him looks like an elf! He must only have to take rest. Her anxiety chasing away stairs again and I followed her, but if mairied her from pity, I suppose," I her latter reserve, she insisted on his she was aware of my supervision she seeing a physician but he steadily refus- did not care.

was, and when the bride came down Then there came into Gerald's blue birn, and, catching his thin white hand, again I took a malicious pleasure in com | eyes an expression that d. fied my under- she kissed it passionately. s'anding. I could not tell if it was a de- "At last I can tell you," she gasped Edith, so fair and so lovely, with hair fiance of me or a curious sort of resig- between tears and smiles. "You will ike spun gold and a wild rose bloom on nation to the will of a woman whom he doubt me no longer. Forgive me for

rious abbreviation she wished-so small Percival if it will relieve your mind." ure. Ob, Gerald, darling, there is no and dusky, with a colorless skin and The next day Mark Percival came, need for you to paint any more. I shall nothing to recommend her but two im- and for a long while he and Gerald were work for you; for us all! Oh, Gerald, mense black eyes, which certainly were closeted together, while Ste and my sis- won't it be a labor of love?" ss lustrous as twin stars, and as soft as ter and myself were told not to go near And she held before him a letter from the room, but when Mark Percival came one of the best firms of publishers in rations were very brilliant and decidely Later in the evening when dinner was out in the hall Ste spied him from the London.

she is bright and happy as a bird and al By and by they went down the steps "This is yours, Gerald, all yours; I she prevailed upon her father to allow together charming. You must help to side by side into the garden, and I heard am all yours, am I not? And I shall her to go to Wheeling and see if any-

ing sensation in his right side and shoulbe pretty I forgot to answer. So after a favorable. Still, with our united care fondly. Oh! the radiant joy that beam- were gathering a really handsome lady to write. Finally be put aside his notes, and rest, I think we shall bring him ed over his poor, wan face as he murround." And Ste answered him with a smile I could not see that, and believed that all my own, my Se!"

needlessly thrown aside and the girl he she never realized her husband's danger. myself from their sight. How dread. ter home at any time, so they could not when I suspected her suspected her as ever forgive me?

She, instead of passing the hours in selfish, merry fashion as she said; his studio, as she used to do, would re 'So you thought I could look at any and sister of her identity, so remarkable -sulking, I told my sister.

-a dreadful blow, and harder to me Gerald is quite resigned to the will of explained how the change had been made. since I believed I had helped to bring it Heaven now. True, he cannot put his The operation is quite common now, but Gerald's love was so perfect, and he -that perhaps I was really the instru- thoughts on canvas, but he tells them to at that time it was rare. In this case Gerald was our only brother, 26 years filled the place of father, brother and ment that had dealt it. Had I not made Ste, and she, in her charming manner, there were three more teeth on either

one dearer to him than those who have my devotion to Edith utterly precluded and for weeks he lingered, hovering, as it is so true, so unselfish. it were, between us and eternity.

> slightest movement would awake her. | shine to us all, so we call him Ray. arm was paralyzed.
>
> I had been growing less bitter in my

Edith's goodness, and when he had made a point of dilating on he attractions from not sing a note, but Ste's and Mark Percival's voices blended splendidly togethto work any more with his brush, a look
of triumph came into her eyes which
I thought, that he could spare from his

Remember two very impute the chance of living and he is sixty-four.

A total abstainer thirty years old has in ventilation; to warm the chance of living he is sixty-six and same time to keep it moist. puzzled me, and again I began to doubt unselfishness and pertect purity of char- a balf, And Gersld, who was also passionate.

Iv fond of music, never seemed to tire of listening to the two.

puzzled me, and again I began to doubt discussion and process and proce earnest whispered conversation.

Once-from behind a laurestinus bush weeks have been centuries to me. And and you may as well get a me of it, I if-oh! if you have been deceiving me, can get you \$500 for voting tor it,"

"Everything!" he answered, interrupt- indignation would be wasted, and also exits a science as the insurance business. ing her, and taking the mite of a hand that the offer, from Jimmy's standpoint. Its figures are not made up in the interin his. "I tell you that you have not was made in pare friendship, simply ests of any church or party. They are moments on a wet or damp cushion of a "I wish Edith and Dr. Percivel would many more days to wait, and then we said:

> ing look that drove me almost wild with against it." the hitterest anger and suspicion. Now I dare not even look back to the horrible feelings that filled my heart with you \$500 from them." regard to the woman whom my brother had made his wife, and in whom he had said:

placed his happiness, his infinite faith If both sides are using money, and more than all, his honor. But Gerald was in a weak and critical state, and I did not dare to warn him of "I'll get you \$1,000 for not voting either what I feared He was very loving and wav. tender to ber, and I could see his eyes The General did not tell me how the

When one day she heard Mark Perci- been sold to any body simple enough to val's voice at the door s'ie darted out of purchase it without his knowing any the room to meet him, forgetful of a thing about the matter. mass of red roses in her lap, with which she was making a bouquet, and heedless I have been bothered with catserh for of the lovely fragile flowers, in her haste about twenty years. I could not tell hands with their friends.

beauty at her feet.

bopen to make her happy, but I am so grave and quiet that she cannot love me some one to thread my needle. Now God give me strength to bear it !"

I heard him exclaim: "Hurrah! it's all right." And her answer was: "God bless you! how good you are!"

Gerald was reclining in an easy-chair.

She threw herself on her knees before

over and Eith had drawn her away to lawn, and in a moment she was by his He looked at it, then at her, as if just ple One case in particular was thought look at Gerald's drawings, he came up side speaking intently, so intently that awaking from a strange, wild dream .- to be unparalleled at that time. A young she never saw my eyes watching from a Before he could speak, however, she lady belonging to one of the hest famihay-window in the morning-room, that dived into her pocket and drew out a lies in Eastern Ohio was terribly disfig-'Se's attractions now,' he whispered jutted out, giving a view of the rest of roll of bank notes and thrust them into ured by a protruding lower jaw. Hearbis hand.

her smiles. And then you don't know how pretty my little one is when she Mrs. Fane He complains of a prick- word, please."

"He must stop work and rest a little, do speak to me, Gerald. Say one little of her face. She went alone and nothing was heard of her for two weeks ex-Gerald drew her to him with all the cept that she arrived there safely. And wondering how she could ever der. I do not like that. It is rather un- little strength left him and kissed her

"Thank God! thank God! you are comparing these two—the girl be had she was young and sanguine and that I stole away then. I wanted to hide

affection, and she laughed in her own tress.

Habit of Lobbyists. Cor. Inter-Ocean. The late Gen. Henry D. Foster, of

prominent old gentleman familiarly A moderate drinker twenty years old known as "Jimmy," who made a busi- has a chance of lving until he is thirty--I saw her place ber hand on his arm ness of attending the sessions, come into five and a half.

remarked: four and three fourths. "How much longer? Oh! these last "General, there is money in that bill. The General, knowing that moral

"You ought not to talk to me in that cism, but simply from cold husiness calshall both be very happy."

"You ought not to talk to me in that cism, but simply from cold husiness calUpon this Ste smiled into his handway, and since you by they are using culation; they are, therefore, the more some eves with a strange, wistful, yearn. money to pass the bill, I shall vote reliable and astounding. "All right," said Jimmy, "the other

side are using money, too, and I can get Then the Generalwas angry, and he won't vote on the bill at all."

'That's better still." said Jimmy: follow her slight figure wherever she interview ended, but it appeared to me moved with an expression of mingled that the only escape from the dilemma not oily, not a dye. Restores original affection and doubt that was sad to look was to resign and go home. It was evident that the General's vote might have

and evident agitation she trod out their bew many different remedies I have tri-d, and none seemed to reach my case straight in the face. Then I heard Gerald murmur to him
like Ely's Cream Balm I had lost my

smell entirely for the last fifteen years,

"Poor little one! She is so young! and I had almost lost my hearing. My "Poor little one! She is so young! and I had almost lost my hearing. My floor. I stand with the elbows akimbo. have my hearing as well as I ever had, I told my sister of this, but she would and I can see to thread as fine a needle hardly listen. She had be witched her, as ever I did, and my smell is partly reand she declared that my brother's wife stored, and it seems to be improving all was a thoughtless child, nothing worse. the time. I think there is nothing like them, during the process, wet in a dish The death of the summer had come E y's Cream Balm for Catarrh I aland autumn brought its walling wind, ways had a trouble with my throat and How deeply I repented my wicked- and the leaves died in company with the a little backing cough, and I am almost

have been handling it so extensively this season, and competition so severe, that ti was necessary to make

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Season, and competition so severe, that ti would wear pantalcons or nothing. This didst feel for thy neighbor; but didst feel for thy neighbor; but didst feel for thy neighbor; but didst feel in the right place—didst thou feel in the right place—didst thou feel in the right place—didst thou feel in the procest?

And she felt it and was burt that be feel in thy pocket?" Bend Six cents for selling it. Parties buying of me or of twice. Gerald came in just then and, did not tell her the cause of his change. While a funeral procession from an abacture work 25 or 30 per that her ear was strained to catch every means field. Ohio, can secure work 25 or 30 per the circus or ring of the Convent Garby which ir pleases God to save? the circus or ring of the Convent Gar- the graveyard, the pall bearers bec

TO THE END.

BY MARY GRANT MAJOR. "God bless you! how good you are!" A child sat reading; her golden curls
In another moment or two she ran up
trains again and I followed her, but if
the was aware of my recognition of the state with parted lips. Ob. Ned!" she ories, "what if my Knight
Should fall to this battle goty?"
'Don's fret!" he shouted, "'twill all come right The read to the end of the story.

> That bringeth us certain woe, Our souls gather comfort, we know not how, We stop not to reason, or know. An angel, mayhap, doth whisper anear, As it points to some future glory,

"Fret not for the night, farther on gleams the light. I've read to the end of the story!"

Shortening a Jaw. A number of years ago their lived in Wheeling, says the Pittsburg Dispatch, a certain Dr. Hullihen, who became famous as a surgeon. Some of his opeawe inspiring among the common peo

ing of Dr. Hullihen's skill as a surgeon. have more, much more, I hope. Oh! thing could be done to improve the shape One evening as the shades of night got hold of him, and his fingers refu drove up to the gate in front of the farm put up his pencil, and rose to his feet. house and asked if she could get lodging for the night. The well-to-do farm-

had been so wild sod so pass:onate that when she loved, but Mark Percival? | could. I made a clean breast of every- was an escaped lunatic, and was about comical turn to the whole, and thus afnaturally it soon wore itself out. The Gerald was resolved to work on in thing, and Ste forgave me fully and freely, to shut and lock the door in her face color soon came back to her dark cheeks. spite of everything. We were not rich, with her slender arms around my neck when the house dog came along and per and amusement to my readers. But an additional luster to her eyes, and I be said, and work was necessary for and in her great black eyes an honest recognized the lady as his young miscould often hear ter caroling seatches of several weeks. It was impossible to satisfy her parents sacred things. That all these int ald, my own, own Gerald to look at and her pocket she had two sections of jaw men and women, fathers, mothers, re-At last one day a blow fell on us all to love, with all my might and main?" bone, each containing three teeth, which

of his sisters—two of us—one widowed and the other, myself, an old maid.

Few sisters are perfectly satisfied, as a rule, when their brother has found some one descer to him than those who have one descer to him than those who have one descer to him than those who have of the first of the f on both sides by cutting out a section She has given us something else, too, on either side containing the extra teeth,

What Figures Say.

Washington Record. If figures tell the truth, what stronger argument do we need for total abstinence Companion. than the following table prepared and roblished by Mr. Nelson,a distinguished

English insurance man: A total abstainer twenty years old has a chance of living unt'l he is sixty-four. A total abstainer thirty years old has in ventilation; to warm the air and at the

A moderate drinker thirty years old

A moderate drinker forty years old has a chance of living until he is fifty-one and three-fourths. Probably no business is reduced to so dren. not the result of any temperance fanati- passenger car.

One Bottle instead of a Dozen. "And it took only one bottle to do it." said a gentleman, speaking of Parker's Hair Balsam. I had a run of fever, and when I got well of that my hair hegan to fall out so fast as to alarm me. I really didn't know wust to do, until one day a friend said, 'Try Parker's Hair reply. 'You can better estimate the value Balsam.' That was some months ago, of the service rendered." Balsam.' That was some months ago. What surprised me was the fact that one hottle was enough. I expected to use up a dozen " Clean, highly perfumed,

What Pretty Women Do. Whitehall Times,

Women with pretty teeth open wild

their mouths when they laugh. Women with pretty hands like to shake Women with pretty eyes look you

David's fair daughter, paragon of cooks. found she could peel onions with out being moved to tears by keeping dered alum and white sugar. of warm water. Keep the boys at home, says the Free- answerable argument as to strength and

CONVINCED OF ITS TRUTH. How a Scoffer Was Cared of Ridi-culing Sacred Things.

Cowper's happy phrase has for a hundred years been quoted to describe one effect of truth uttered amid the solemnities of Christian worship: "They who came to scoff remained to pray." This effect, to disarm opposition to religion and to change objectors into friends, is often seen wherever the full owners of the Divine Master heat slocere wilness for Him. At a grove-meeting in Martha's

Vineyard last summer, a gentleman related the following incident: In a Western city a series of special religious meetings was being conducted with usual interest and success, and crowds were in attendance every evening. On the staff of a "sporting" paper in the city was a man, a lawyer by prolession, who had a talent for humorous description; and a ready pen for serving

up local news. It occurred to bim, as these meetings were one of the notable current "events" of the hour, that he would attend one. and report the "testimonies" of some of the speakers, in a style of semi-burlesque,

for the Sunday edition of his paper. He went, and sat listening, watching and taking notes, until be had heard score or more of speakers, who had declared their allegiance to Christ, their love for Him, and their determination to live in obedience to His commands. By that time he had become so deeply interested that he lost all heart in his occupation. The solemn earnestness of the speakers, and the spirit of the place, "I came in here," he said, "for 'the

fon of the thing'-to caricature your er said that they did not keep a hotel; readers. I took down every little peservices for the entertainment of my cultarity in the speakers and in the ex-How could I give her credit for this tully I had wronged her. Could she keep her. She said she guessed she way of drollery, and in my report of would stay anyhow, and hopped out of work meeting I avented to since her ercises that I thought I could use in the "Since I have been here I have heard enough to cure me forever of ridiculing

> spected and trustworthy members of society are self-deluded I can not think; that they are liars I do not believe. "I am a lawyer, and accustomed to weigh testimony. I find points in the evidence given here, and one point es-

devout remembrance of his Christian riends-and there was not a beart to the boy, with golden curls and large, serious jaw narrower and bringing the ends of blue eyes, like Gerald's, and the sweet- the bones together. It was simple Let any one who questions the claims enough, but the country people laid of Christianity examine carefully and without hiss the evidence of its right to

> was this bonest hearer of the reality of its effects upon human hearts .- Youth's

> these claims, and he will be as certainly

convinced of its Divine authority as

PRACTICAL PARAGRAPHS. Sanitary Gleanings. Remember two very important objects.

Ventilate your sleeping apartments every day after rising; but warm it to the chance of living until he is sixty- comfort before sleeping in it again. When you are drowsy from reading or work sleep until you are rested. Nature, by feelings of fatigue, calls for rest. An orifice in the sole or side of your

> winter will generally cause severe acute diseases of the threat and longs in chil Many a man takes pneumonia or rheumatism or plenrisy from atting a few

> Broom out the dust and accumulations from around the mainsprings of your motives, and this sanitary effect will keep them clean and pure.

> "Well," he said to the minister at the conclusion of the ceremony, "how much do I owe you?" "Oh! I'll leave that to you," was the

> "Suppose we postpone settlement then, say for a year. By that time I will know whether I ought to give you \$100 or nothing"
> "No, no," said the clergyman who is a

married man himself, "make it 83 now." Easy to See Through. costly-be expected to go when the main apiling won't operate? How can anyone be well when his stomach, liver or kidneys are out of order? Of course

and get back your health and spirite. To Relieve Croup. Give a little powa "100 Doses One Dollar" is true only of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it is an un-

Tonic would set them all right. Try it,

While a funeral procession from an pestage, and receive free, a costly by free the circus or ring of the Cowent Garthe circus or ring of the circus or ring of the circus or ring of

shoe in windy or cold damp weather will give you a severe cold or sore throat. Thin clad ankles and limbs in tall and

A Bird in the Hand.